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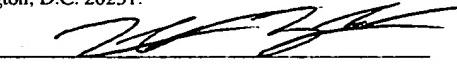
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING THE SIZE OF DATA DIFFERENCE REPRESENTATIONS**"-- Stephen P.W. Draper

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 23 page specification, 7 pages of claims (Claims 1-41), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 13 pages of formal drawings (Fig. 1-13). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Stephen P.W. Draper for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned Applicant representative.

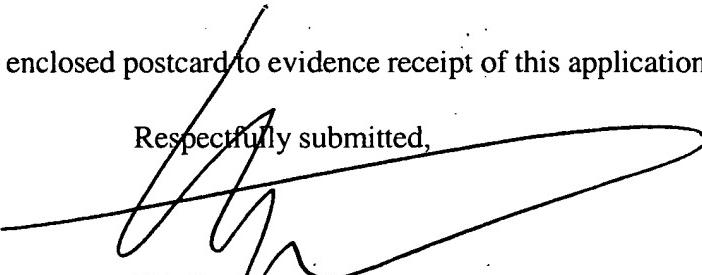
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